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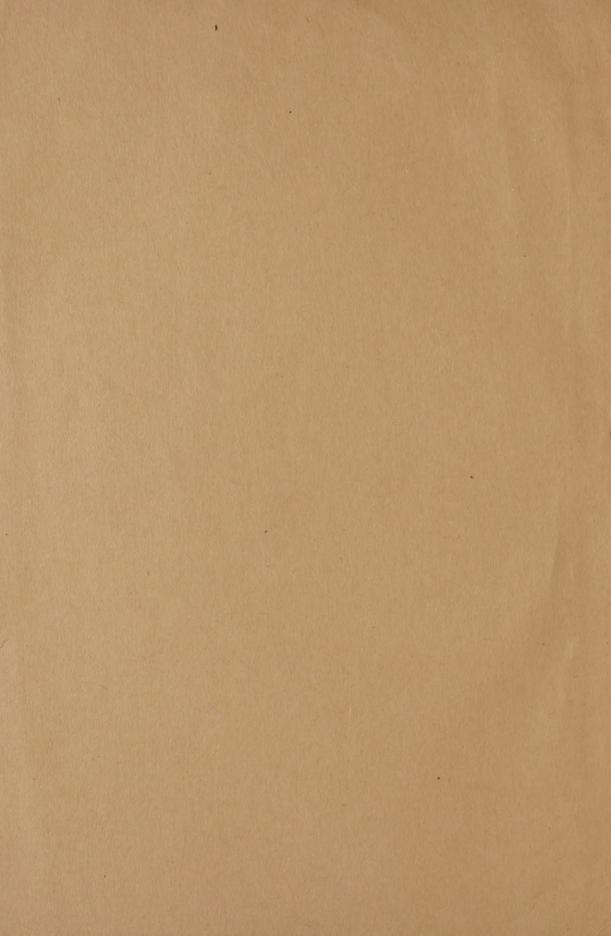
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OSSIBLY the most interesting example of English-Norwegian speech mixture in this country is that of Koshkonong in the southern part of Dane County, Wisconsin. Koshkonong is one of the two oldest large Norwegian settlements in America, being first visited by a few immigrant Norwegians in 1839 and definitely settled in 1840. It is without doubt the best known settlement in Norwegian American annals, and has, perhaps, occupied the position of greatest prominence and influence. Roughly reckoned the settlement may be said to extend from Lake Kegonsa on the west to Lake Koshkonong on the east, from which it takes its name. That is a distance east and west of about thirteen miles. On the south are the villages of Albion and Stoughton, and on the north, fifteen miles away, that of Deerfield. The region is noted for its beauty, and the community is possibly the most prosperous agricultural settlement in the State.

The Norwegians that settled there came mainly from Sogn, Telemarken, and Numedal. There were some families from Hardanger and Hedemarken, and of those of more recent immigration there were a few families from Oslo and the vicinity of Trondhjem. I shall not here go further into the history of the locality except to add that the Norwegians were the first arrivals in the settlement proper. Immediately on the south, Albion Prairie was being taken possession of at the same

time by Americans of English origin who were moving in from Western New York, and these two settlements grew up together, so to speak. In the villages that were formed in, and on the borders of, the Norwegian settlement there were many Americans, and the post office, Utica, was a point of intimate contact between the two nationalities. The language mixture that was the result among the Norwegians is unusually extensive in all the dialects spoken. To some slight extent Norwegian words were used, now and then, by the Americans, but the total number is not over about half a dozen. There was only one American, however, who learned to speak Norwegian, namely the son of the postmaster; he later became the postmaster and lived there until a few years ago. The Norwegians were, of course, all bilingual, though many who were already old when they came spoke English very imperfectly.

I purpose in the following pages to offer as complete a list as possible of the English words adopted into their own speech by the Norwegian settlers and their children. The list contains about 1025 words. Of these about 735 are nouns, 235 are verbs, 43 are adjectives, 7 are adverbs. There are 5 interjections and one preposition; there are no conjunctions or pronouns. Of the nouns about 575 are masculines, 56 are feminines, and 80 are neuters; 4 may be either masculine or feminine, and 11 either

masculine or neuter. A few are used only in the plural or as collectives. Some words are used only in one particular combination; standing expressions are sometimes adopted bodily; semantic influences are often met with; translation words are relatively rare. A great many words are not changed much, for the phonetic system of the Norwegian dialects here concerned, and especially that of Sogn, is not very far removed from that of English. But many of the words are altered considerably, and it is an interesting thing to observe in connection with these extensively changed words that they are similarly, or very nearly similarly, changed in other loanword lists that I have, from Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota. The gender of the loannouns also corresponds very closely; the differences in this respect are few.

Some years ago I published in Dialect Notes an article on this subject; the list of loanwords as there given was about 700. The present list is intended to be as complete as possible, with also more exact indication of pronunciation. In the Journal of Germanic Philology, Volume V, 1903-1905, pp. 1-31, I dealt with the problem of the grammatical gender of the nouns in the list as published in Dialect Notes. While I should now interpret the material a little differently, I can in the main agree with it, and shall not here take the space to discuss that problem. In the article in Dialect Notes I considered classes of words borrowed, and the dialectal differences upon this point, to which the reader may be referred in regard to those matters. The history of the settlement has been dealt with fully elsewhere.1 Here I shall now briefly consider the

<sup>1</sup> George T. Flom: A History of Norwegian Immigration to America down to 1848, published in 1909. See especially chapters XVIII-XX and XXVIII-XXX, and XXXVI-XXXVII.

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phonology of our word-list; but I can take the space for only some of the more interesting things.

An unstressed initial vowel is lost: forda "to afford," grīa "to agree," grīmont "agreement," kaunt "account," kaunta "to account," kamedeta "to accommodate," kamedētin "accommodating," kordin "accordeon," laua "to allow," as on an article given in exchange for a new, lauens "allowance," "to elect," lekson "election," larm "alarm," maunta "to amount," mendment "amendment," pointa "to appoint," rittmetik "arithmetic," sessa "to assess," sessar "assessor," simbli "assembly," skvær "esquire," sorta "to assort," and tenson "attention," "tension." The dissyllabic noun efekt "effect" is an exception, as also the word apereson (apreson) "operation." It may be noted that the verb is pronounced both apere'ta and a'perēta ''to operate.'' The word edzukēsan "education" also keeps the e-; here the consonantal sound dz that would result is hardly an admissible one initially in the dialect, and furthermore the verb edzukē'ta "to educate," also pronounced e'dzukēta, and the past participle edzukē'ta "educated," would operate to preserve the initial vowel in the noun.

The vowel in an unstressed initial syllable is suppressed: spraisa "to surprise," spraisparti "surprise party," sporta "support," stiffikēt "certificate," and in the name Bloit "Beloit." In stiffikēt from "certificate," the intermediate stage is, of course, satiffikēt. In dzogrefi geo (dzio) "geography" has become dzo.

The vowel in an unstressed medial syllable is suppressed: bifflo "buffalo robe," fektri "factory," kalko "calico," lakris "licorice," aprēta "to operate," aprēsm "operation," probism "prohibition," and söpraitar "separator."

Other loss of vowel sound: kaleforni

"California" and miskithar "mosquito bar."

There are contractions in other words, but these belong to the local pronunciation, or standard speech, as karmęl "caramel," painri "pinery," and fivərī'a "to charivari."

There is loss of a consonant in the following words: baun ti "bound to," blains "blind, shutter," donkar "indifferent, reckless, don't care," fel "field," fanemylda "faning mill," gemla "gamble," guvanor "governor," korna "corner," palar 'parlor," potret "portrait, photograph," potikkęlo "particular," and the name Kemris "Cambridge." In the words blakbor "blackboard," dashboard," and ruffbor "roofboard," the element -bor is not the English word "board" but the Norwegian bord (pronounced bor). In the word insurance" the syllable -ance of the English "insurance" has been changed to -in, under the influence of the large number of nouns in -in in the dialects. The sound combination ns is rather rare in the dialects; the pronunciation insurans may now and then be heard. As the list shows, the English suffix -ing maintains itself well, and naturally would, for it is just as characteristic an endsyllable in Norwegian; however, in one word -ing has become -e, namely in fanemylda "faning mill." Possibly the first element in spīrękrakk, "spearing-horse, in which the lath is held as the plants are being strung on," is to be regarded as from "spearing." The b of bus, as the second element of compounds, tends to disappear: brikkus "brick house," frēmus "frame house," purus "poor-house," varus "warehouse." It is sufficient to call attention to frētrēn "freight train;" the pronunciation frētrēn is also, of course, the English pronunciation, except where especially emphasized. The pronunciation in many other words (ginom "gingham," hyppoltrī "whiffle-tree," elləvētar "elevator," konsomfən "consumption," etc.) has its basis in the English pronunciation.

An inorganic consonant appears in the following words: bikril "hickory," dyp-port "dipper," gofort "gopher," loiort "lawyer," rippert "reaper," brand "bran," and sirk'l "sickle."

Connecting vowels appear where there is none in the English word: Norwegian speech rhythm does not readily adapt itself to such a compound as "fence stretcher" (fenstretfer), so the dialects changed this word to fensestretfar. Only apparently so in "shoolma'am" to skulemamma, in which the first element is the Norwegian word skole "school," dialectal and Landsmaal skule; the second element also here is Norwegian, so that we have in this case one of the rare translation words. The added connecting vowel also appears in skonkahol "skunkhole."

wh becomes h in hyppa "whip" and hyppolitrā "whiffle-tree," but becomes v in viskā "whiskey."

rs becomes ss in hosspaur "horse-power."

th becomes t in latt "lath," and timoti
"timothy," with shortening of the vowel
and lengthening of the t in the former.

Final tf of an English word becomes s in: rins "wrench," but this is also pronounced rintf. In the more recent loan lontf "lunch" the tf is kept.

Final dz of an English word becomes s in launs, from "lounge," and in the name Kemris "Cambridge."

In the word salarīdes "saleratus" the combination ētes of the English word "salaratus" has become ēdes. In the word sigga (also sikka) "to sick," we probably do not have a case of the voicing of k to g; rather the English "to sick" is borrowed as sikka, while the English

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sickem, which is usually sighem, siggem or sig'm is borrowed as sigga.

Short consonants are lengthened in: bill "bill," blakk "block, square," blakka "to block," bloff "bluff, precipitous rise in the ground," bogg "bug," bokk'l "buckle," bokkət "bucket," bokkfinn "buckskin," brikk "brick," dakka "to dock, dock off," digga "to dig," dimmokrat "democrat," ellovē'tar "elevator," figgra "to figure," gitta "to get," gomm "gum," gripp "(la) grippe," börria "to hurry," jabb "job," jigg "jig," katta "to cut, only used in regard to the cutting of crops, as corn, tobacco, etc.," krapp "crop," krekka "to crack," lakket "locket," lemmen "lemon," likker "liquor," mabb "mob," mapp "mop," nigga "to nig (cheat in cards)," nikkel "nickel (the material)," pekk "peck (measurement)," pekka "to pack," pikka "to pick," pinn "pin," plattform "platform," press'nt "present," pressa "to press," pülli "pulley," pütta "to put," rebba "to rub," reff "rough," reffal "ruffle," ronna "to run—used of a candidate running for office," sig'gar "cigar, (with change of stress)," spatt "spot," tappa "to top (tobacco plants)," tikka "to tick, (of the clock's ticking, not said otherwise)," tippa "to tip," "tough," tripp "trip, journey," and some others. In many cases English words spelled with double consonants, but pronounced with a short consonant have a short consonant in the loanword: kamedēta "to accommodate," kamen "common, ordinary," mofflar "muffler," ofis "office," rekomenda "to recommend." In some English words with double consonant pronounced short the loanword exhibits a lengthened consonant: millet "millet," minnis "minnow," malasses "molasses." See also above.

Hybrid compounds are fairly numerous: babbslīe "bob-sleigh," ball'birsapp "barber

shop," billbor "bill-board," bisnesmann "business man," blækbor "blackboard," blækkfinn "buck-skin," brikkhus "brick house," frēmhus "frame house," foldindyr "folding door," daniŋrum "dining room," fa'nemylda "faning mill," bitsiŋ-pest "hitching post," beiræk "hay-rack," būskipiŋ "housekeeping," jarrdstikka "yard-stick," mō'torbaut "motor boat," stēmbaut "steam-boat," stēvpipa "stove pipe," tressmasīna "threshing machine," pra'diböna "prairie hen," spī'rekrakk "spearing-horse, in which the lath is held," ba'drasam "troublesome," trūb-blasam "troublesome," etc.

The plural English form is used as the singular: blains "blind, shutter," dais "dye," diffis "dish, dishes," fillers "filler," fills "thill, shaft of a carriage," kars "car," krækers "cracker," rels "rail," teks "tack," koffs "cuff." This need not seem surprising, but on the contrary was a perfectly natural development. The objects were almost always spoken of in the plural; there were either two of them or there was a large number (fills "thills," koffs "cuffs," rels "rails," kars "cars," teks "tacks"); in some cases the plural is collective, as bīts "beets," bins "bean, beans," and the dialect has the loanword only in the plural. The ending -s has, of course, no plural associations whatever in the dialects in question; on the other hand words with final s-sound are of considerable frequency in our list of loanwords.

I shall now give the list of loanwords. They are given in the form of the dialect of Sogn, specifically that of Aurland. The following matters in the notation are to be mentioned:  $\varrho$  is used for the open  $\varrho$ , qualitatively the "o" of "long;"  $\varrho$  represents a vowel between  $\varrho$  and  $\varrho$ ;  $\dot{\varrho}$  stands for a high "u" tending toward close "o";  $\dot{\varrho}$  stands for a wide "y" tending toward close  $\ddot{\varrho}$ ;  $\dot{\varrho}$  is used for the

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dīda, v., to deed. digga, v., to dig. dikrī'sa, v., to decrease. diksənæri, m., dictionary. dimokrat, m., democrat. dimmokrat parti, n., Democratic Party. dinner, dynner, m., dinner. diploma, m., diploma. dīpo, m., depot. dipper, dýppər, dýppərt, m., dipper. dire'ktar, m., director. disk, m., desk. dissəpoi'nta, v., disappoint. disī'va, v., to deceive. dispjū'ta, v., to dispute, argue. di'strikt, n., district. disö'rt, m., desert. diss, m., dish. dissis, m., dish, dishes. donkær, adj., indifferent, wreckless, ("don't care"). draiguds, (n) (m), dry goods. dreft, m., draft, check. dreft, m., draft (of air). dressa, vs., to dress. Dressa seg, to dress up; "put on style." dressar, m., dresser, bureau. dressmēkar, m., dress maker. drill, m., drill, seeder. drilla, v., to drill, sow with a drill. drogstor, n., drug-store. dua op, v., to do up, wrap up. dx, m, dash-board. dxsbor, n., do. döstar, m., duster (the garment). dzödz, m., judge. dzödza, v., to judge. dzərēniem, -əm, m., geraneum. dzografi, m., geography. dzoist, m., joist. dzūlri, n., jewelry. Rare. Edzukē'ta, v., to educate. edzukēta, pptc pl., adj. educated. edzukēsən, m., education. efekt, m., effect. egrī'a, grīa, v., to agree.

ekta, v., to act. eksaitmont, m., excitement. ekskörsən, m., excursion. ekspress, m., express. e'lləvētar,4 m., elevator. Have heard it pronounced ellavaitar. færgraund, m., fair ground. Fain, m., fine. faina, v., to fine. faira op, v., to fire up. fair krækers, m., fire cracker. fait, m., fight. Rarely used. fărm, m., farm. fărma, v., to farm. färmar, m., farmer. fărmin, f., farming. faundra, adj., foundered (of a horse). faundri, n., foundry. faunt'n pen, m., fountain pen. fēl, f., field. feltbūts, pl., felt-boots. fens, n., fence. fensa, v., to fence. fensestretsar, m., fence stretcher. fetstemm, m., wet stem (of leaf tobacco) fīd, m., feed. fīda, v., to feed. figgra, v., to figure. fiks, m., fix, predicament. fiksa, v., to fix; to get even with, get the better of. fīla, v., to feel. Itse fīla gett, not feel fillers, m., filler. The poorest grade of tobacco leaf, used as a cigar filler. fils, n., thill; shaft of a carriage. fiskępola, m., fish-pole. fitta, v., to fit. Not used much. Da fittatse gott, it did not fit well. fleks, m., flax. flevor, m., flavor. florin, f., flooring. flænl, m., n., flannel. fleur, flour, m., flour.

<sup>4</sup> Also accented on the third syllable.

foldindyr, f., folding door. foldinbedd, m., folding bed.

forda, v., to afford, be financially able to. Used with kunna, as the English word is with can, as eg kantse forda da.

fork, m., fork, table-fork. In the sense of pitch-fork the word is also Norwegian.

forka, v., to fork. Forka nī ti, fork (it) down to.

forsa, v., to force, compel.

fraim, frēm, m., frame (of a building).

frēmhus, frēmus, n., frame house. frēt, m., freight. Senda me frēt, send by

freight.

frēt, m., freight train.

frēttrēn, frētrēn, n., freight train.

frīsar, m., freezer, ice-cream freezer.

front, m., front of a house.  $P_{\ell}$  front'n, on the front.

fronta, v., to front. Frenta pe, to front on, face.

frost, m., frost, frost damage to crops. A semantic loan. Among some dialect speakers (other than those from Sogn), one may hear it pronounced frost.

frostin, f., frosting (on cake).

fūla, v., to fool (one); be joking.

fūliņ, f., joking, banter.

fyrti, m., forty, i.e. a forty acre piece of land.

fæktri, fektri, n., factory.

fæn, m., fan.

fæna, v., to fan.

fænemylda, f., faning mill.

fær, m., fair, exposition.

fæsən, m., fashion.

foss, m., fuss, much ado; disturbance.

fossa, v., to make a fuss, make a great ado (about anything).

för, n., m., fur. The r is usually pronounced as the English r in this word.

galon, m., gallon.

gālop, n., gallop. gāloppa, v., to gallop.

garrd'n, m., garden.

gēm, m., game.

gembla, gemla, v., gamble.

gemblar, gemlar, m., gambler.

gemblin, f., gambling.

gēn, m., gain. gēna, v., to gain.

gēters, gēters, m., gaiter.

gidæp, interj., giddap.

gitta long, v., to get along.

gitta op, v., to get up (something), start. gīr, m., gear. Vara i gīr, be in gear.

gīriņ, f., gearing.

ginom, ginom, m., gingham.

glovs, m., coll. gloves. Rarely used. One says hanske.

glu, m., glue.

glua, v., to glue.

gluin, f., gluing.

gofər, gofərt, m., gopher.

gomm, f., gum.

grænd stænd or grend stend, m., grand stand.

grēda, v., to grade (used of grading tobacco leaves).

grēps, n., coll., grapes.

grēvi, m., gravy.

grīa, v., to agree. See egrīa.

grīmənt, m., agreement.

gripp, m., (la) grippe.

gro'səris, pl., groceries.

grīs, m., n., grease. grīsa, v., to grease.

grubba, v., to grub.

grædzuē'sən, m., graduation.

grædzuē'ta, v., to graduate.

græmər, m., grammar.

grön, grēn, n., grain.

grönri, grēnri, n., granary.

guds, pl., goods. Not much used.

guvənyr, m., governor.

gæs, m., gas.

gæsbill, m., gas bill.

gæsolīn, m., gasoline.

halbusəl, m., half-bushel.

hār, adj., hard, severe, in the expression har pau, severe with.

hardpain, m., hard pine. hărdværstor, n., hardware store. hărvist, m., harvest. hărvistar, m., harvester. haska, v., to husk. haskin, f., husking. hēlodar, m., hay loader. hend'l, m., handle. hendla, v., to handle. hetsət, hetset, m., hatchet. hikril, m., hickory. hikrilnot, f., hickory nut. hill, m., hill. Only used of the small "hill" of earth that is hoed up around a plant, or, especially, of such a hill in which a plant is to be set. hilla, v., to hill. hillar, m., hilling machine. hilling, f., hilling. hitsa, v., hitch. hitsinstræp, m., hitching strap. hitsinpost, m., hitching post. hoa, v., to hoe. hoar, m., hoeing machine, team hoer. hobb, m., hub. hoiræk, m., hay-rack. hol, m., hallway, hall (building). holter, m., halter. hombogg, m., n., humbug. homstedd land, n., homestead land. honta, v., to hunt. hontar, m., hunter. hontin, f., hunting. hýppa, f., whip. hosspaur, m., horse-power. hūskīpin, f., housekeeping. hýppoltrī, n., whiffle-tree. hæm, m., ham. hæmok, m., hammock. hændbæg, m., hand bag. hændkars, hendkars, m., hand-car. hæs, m., hash. hörri, m., hurry. hörria, v., to hurry. hörta, v., to hurt. Impruva, v., to improve.

impruvment, m., improvement. indzaina, injaina, f., engine. indzinýr, injinýr, m., engineer. inlista, v., to enlist. insista pao, v., to insist on. insolta, v., to insult. Bli insolta, take insura, v., to insure. in  $\int urin, f., insurance.$ intervju, m., interview. invaita, v., to invite. īsbaks,5 m., ice-box. īsi, adj., easy. īvən, adj., even. īvnar, m., evener. Jabb, m., job. jail, f., jail. jarrd, m., yard. jarrd, n., yard (measurement). jarrdstikka, f., yard-stick. jekkət, m., jacket. jelli, m., jelly. jessör, adv., yes sir. Also jessörī. jigg, m., jig. jigga, v., to jig. jist, m., yeast. jukar, m., euchre. juri, m., jury. jurimann, m., juryman. Kadfisk, m., cod-fish. kaled3, m., college. kalko, m., calico. ka'medēta, v., to accommodate. ka'medētiņ, adj., accommodating. kāmen, kamen, adj., common, ordinary. karmęl, -ol, m., caramel. kärpet, karpət, m., carpet. kārs, m., car. kāt'n, katt'n, m., cotton. katta, v., to cut. Only used in regard to the cutting of crops, as corn, tobacco, kattar, m., cutter, cutting-knife, e.g., for cutting tobacco plants. The i is a half-diphthong, hence 'isbaks (Norw. is + Eng. 'box').

kattar, m., cutter (the vehicle). katvörm, katwörm, m., cut-worm. kaunt, m., account. Sometimes ekaunt. kauntar, m., counter (desk). kaunti, n., county. kauntiklörk, m., county clerk. kauketsar, m., cow catcher (of railway engine). kauts, m., couch. kēk, m., cake. kemp, kæmp, m., camp. Usually kæmp. kęmpa, (kæmpa), v., to camp. kempin, f., camping. kempstul, (kæmpstul), m., camp-stool. kempinautfit, m., camping outfit. kendi, m., candy. kenvessa, kænvessa, v., to canvass. ketsa, v., to catch. ket sar, m., catcher. kinlin, f., m., kinling. kīpa hus, v., to keep house. kjūra, v., to cure (used of tobacco). klaun, m., clown. klaset, klaset, m., closet. klēm, m., claim. klēna, klīna, v., to clean. Used in the ordinary sense, and also in reference to a plow "cleaning." Han kline gott, "it cleans well"; the soil turns over nicely from the plow leaving the plowshare "clean." klēma, v., to claim. klīr, adj., clear, usually only in the sense of "clear" of debt. klīra, v., to clear; meet an obligation; make a (certain) profit. klīr prafit, m., clear profit. klok, m., cloak. klos, adj., stingy, "close." klosa, v., to close. Klosa op, close up. klörk, m., clerk. klörka, v., to clerk. klövis, m., clevis. kod'n, n., corn. kod'n plantar, m., corn planter.

kodrill, m., quadrille.

koffs, m., cuff. kokos, m., caucus. koksa, v., to coax. kola off, v., to call off the figures in a kola pao, v., to call on, visit. kolekta, v., to collect. kolekson, m., collection. kolter, m., coulter. koltavēta, v., to cultivate (as the rows of a tobacco or corn-field). koltavētar, koltivēt, m., cultivator. kolvert, m., culvert. komit'ti, m., committee. Ordinarily the Norwegian word komite' is used. komma ut, v., come out, fare, do. Komma ut bihaind, come out behind. komplement, m., compliment. kondoktar, m., conductor. kongress, m., congress. kongressmann, m., congress man. konsert, konsort, konsort, m., concert. konsomson, m., consumption. kontri, n., country (in contradistinction to city). Ute i kontrie, out in the country. konvensən, kunvensən, m., convention. kopla, v., to couple, join together, as parts of an implement. kord, m., cord (of wood). kordin, n., accordeon. kordvē, -vī, m., cord-wood. korna, n., corner. kğrnis, m., cornice. kornstarts, m., corn starch. korset, n., corset. kosa, v., to cause. Chiefly only in the expression,  $k\bar{\varrho}sa\ tribb'l$ , to cause trouble. kostord, m., custard. kostərdpāi,6 m., custard pie. kot, m., coat. kotin, f., coating (as of paint). kover, kovor, n., cover. kovra, v., to cover.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The ai of -pāi is a long diphthong.

kovrin, f., covering. Mostly said of the covering on the tobacco beds.

krapp, m., crop.

kraud, m., crowd.

krauda, v., to crowd.

kraudin, f., crowding.

krękka, krækka, v., to crack.

kridd'l, m., cradle, hand-cradle for cutting grain. The implement has long since gone out of use.

kriddla, v., to cradle, use the hand-cradle.

krikk, m., creek.

krīmeri, n., creamery.

krobar, m., crow-bar.

krækers, m., cracker.

krosin, f., m., crossing.

krossrod, m., cross-road.

kukombər, kjukombər, m., cucumber.

kumpəni, kumpöni, n., company. Mainly in the expression kipa kumpəni me.

kælkəlēta, v., to calculate. Also pronounced kækęlēta.

kvilt, m., quilt.

kvilta, v., to quilt.

kæs, m., cash.

kæsa, v., to cash.

kæs kaunt, m., cash account.

kör'nts,7 pl., currents.

körv, m., curve.

Laibreri, m., library.

laik, m., lake. In proper names, however, the form lek is used, as Lēk Kaskelan, or Lēk Kaskeland, Lake Koshkonong.

laim, m., lime.

laisn, m., license.

laitninrad, m., lightning rod.

lakket, m., locket.

lăkris, m., licorice.

larm, m., alarm.

larma, v., to be noisy.

latt, m., lath.

laua, v., to allow, as on an article given in exchange for a new.

lauons, m., allowance.

launs, (launts), m., lounge.

lēdi, f., lady, fine lady.

lēdilaik, adj., ladylike.

ledpensl, m., lead pencil.

leksən, m., election.

leksənīra, v., to electioneer.

lekt sər, m., n., lecture.

lekta, v., to elect.

lemmen, lemmon, m., lemon.

lemmenēd, lemmonēd, m., lemonade.

lēs, n., (m.), lace.

lēsa, v., to lace.

ligislatur, m., legislature.

likker, m., liquor.

livri, m., livery.

livribarn, m., livery-barn.

livrihest, m., livery horse.

loda, v., to load.

löf, n., loaf.

lofa, v., to load.

löfar, m., loafer.

logg, m., log.

loior, loiort, m., lawyer.

lokast, m., locust. The wordwasalways pronounced *lukkas* by one from Hedemarken.

lokēsən, m., location.

lokē'ta, v., to locate.

lokamo'tiv, n., locomotive.

lon, f., m., lawn.

londri, n., laundry; washing (if to be sent to, or has come from the laundry).

lonmoar, m., lawn mower.

lonts, m., lunch.

lonts, m., launch.

losut, m., lawsuit.

lümbər, m., lumber.

lumberjard, m., lumberyard.

Mabb, m., mob.

maind, m., mind. Used about only in the expression meka op maind'n sin.

malaria, m., malaria.

malassęs, -os, m., molasses.

mapp, m., mop.

maskera'do, m., maskerade.

maunta ti, v., amount to.

<sup>7</sup> Two syllables, but hardly körents.

mēk, m., make. Dialect speakers from Eastern Norway would say mak (not those from Telemarken and Numedal). mēka, v., to make. Rare. Chiefly in mēka pain, make money. mēl, m., mail. mēla, v., to mail. mēlbaks, m., mail-box. mēlmann, m., mail man. mendment, mendmont, m., amendment. mēp'l, m., maple. midlin, f., midlings. miksa, v., to mix. mīn, adj., mean, disagreeable. millet, m., millet. minnis, m., minnow. The plural was pronounced minnies in the local speech miskit, m., mosquito. Miskit was also the regular local pronunciation. miskitbar, n., mosquito bar. mistē'k, m., mistake. mistēk'ən, mi'staken, adj., mistaken. mjul, m., mule. moa, v., to mow. moar, m., mower. moffler, m., muffler. moldin, f., molding. moniordor, m., money order. monkirins, m., monkey wrench. Among the younger more often monkirints. morgid3, morgits, m., mortgage. morgidza, morgitsa, v., to mortgage. morter, m., mortar. mostard, m., mustard. mo $\S$ an, m., motion. motorbaut, m., motor boat. mott'n, m., mutton. mæsa, v., to court, to "mash" (vulgarism). mäp, m., map. Nakka au, v., to knock off, deduct. namene's, m, nomination. na'menēta, v., to nominate. natmeg, natmig, m., nutmeg. nekjog, nekjok, n., neck-yoke.

nektai, m., necktie.

nigga, v., to nig (cheat in cards). nikkęl, m., nickel (the material). nikkel, m., nickel (the coin). Usually fem sent, however. nīt, adj., neat. nossör, adv., no sir! Also nossöri. not, f., note, bank-note. no kaunt, adj., of no account. See kaunt. notofaia, v., to notify. notis, m., notice. notisa, v., to notice. nykommar, m., newcomer. The ö is short. nörs, f., nurse. Ofis, m., office. oistors, m., oister. order, order, m., order. ordra, ordra, v., to order. orkęstra, m., orchestra. otmēl, otmīl, m., n., oatmeal. ovon, ovon, ovon, m., oven. overall, f., m., overall. Pāi, m., pie. The ai is not pronounced like the usual Norwegian ai, but with a long a followed by a short i, as in the name Mai (the month) in the Sogn Telemarken dialects. about as the English word "pie," but with a slightly longer a. paik, m., pike. pail, m., pail. Among the people from Telemarken it is pronounced peil, and among those from Numedal also in the main; but pronounced pal by one man from Hedemarken. paila, v., to pile.

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painri, n., pinery.

paint, m., pint.

paionē'r, -nī'r, m., pioneer.

paionē'ra, -nī'ra, v., to pioneer.

pai plænt, pie-plant. Used in the compounds pieplantpai and paiplantsas.

pāiplēt, m., pie plate.

paket, m., pocket. Not used of the pocket of a garment (for which lomma, lomme, would be used), but of the pocket in a machine, as the oil-pocket.

pāler, pāler, m., n., parlor.

pappkodn, n., pop-corn. park, m., park. parti, n., party. partnar, m., partner. partnarskap, n., partnership. paster, paster, n., pasture. pastra, v., to pasture. pedla, v., to peddle. pedlar, m., peddler. pedlin, f., pedling. pekk, m., peck (measurement). pekka, v., to pack. penholdar, penoldar, m., pen-holder. penn, m., pen, cattle-yard. penni, m., penny. pensl, pensol, m., pencil. piggadn, pigadn, the usual call to the pigs at feeding time. piano, piana, f., m., piano. pikka op, v., to pick up. pikka, pau, v., to pick on, pester. piknik, m., picnic. pills, m., pill. pətikkelə, adj., particular. pətisən, m., petition. pikril, m., pickerel. pikstol, m., pistol. pinn, m., pin. pinkuson, m., pin cushion. pīr, m., pier. pist'n, m., piston. pist'nrād, m., piston rod. pitmen, m., pitman (of a mower). pīts, m., peach. pitsa, v., to pitch. pitsar, m., pitcher (one who pitches). pitsor, n., picture. pitsor, n., m., pitcher (the utensil). pitsfork, m., pitch-fork. pjur, adj., pure. Not much used. plattform, f., platform. plē, m., play. plēa, v., to play. plēn, adj., plain. plenta, f., plant. Very rare. plenti, adj., plenty.

pless'nt, adj., pleasant. plēt, m., plate. plēta, adj., plated. plī, m., plea. plīda, v., to plead. plīsa, v., to please. plommar, m., plumber. plugtobbak, m., plug tobacco. plæn, m., plan. ploss, m., n., plush.point, m., point. pointa, v., to point. pointa, v., to appoint. pointar, m., pointer. poisn, m., poison. poisna, v., to poison. polait', adj., polite. pola, m., pole. poltæks, -teks, m., pole-tax. poker, m., poker. poker, m., poker (the utensil). Now and then pronounced pokar. poni, m., pony. ponki, panki, m., pumpkin. ports, m., porch. postofis, m., post-office. potret, n., portrait, photograph. prafit, m., profit. praia, op, v., to pry up. press'nt, m., present. pressa, v., to press. printa, v., to print. probi'sən, probii'sən, m., prohibition. protek $\S$ an, m., protection. prūf, n., (m), proof. pruva, v., to prove. prædi, præri, m., prairie. prædihöna, præri-, f., prairie hen. pudi, adv., quite, rather. puddin, m., pudding. pulīs', m., police. pulīs mann, m., policeman. půll, m., pull. půlli, m., pulley. pūrhus, pūrus, n., poor-house. pútta, v., to put.

putta op me, v., to put up with. pörfjūm, m., perfume. pörts, m., perch. rabba, v., to rob. rā'beri, raberī' n., robbery. rād, m., rod. raid, m., ride. Rare. raitindesk, m., writing-desk. reddis, m., radish. Also pronounced rædis. regnkot, m., raincoat. rekard, m., record. rekomenda, v., to recommend. rekomendēsən, m., recommendation. rēlin, f., railing. rēlrod, rillrod, m., railroad. rels, n., rail. relsefens, n., rail fence. rēs, m., race. rēsa, v., to raise. Rēsa litt pain, Mi ska rēsa sedd'n imoro. reska, v., to risk. resta, v., to arrest. res'torant, restrant, m., restaurant. rēstrekk, m., race-track. ribbən, m., ribbon. rīdar, m., reader (the book). ridzek'ta, v., to reject. rifju'sa, v., to refuse. ridzistrēra, -īra, v., to register. rīl, m., reel. rīlestēt, m., real estate. rins, rints, m., wrench. rīpa, v., to reap. rīper, rīpər, rýpör, rýpərt, m., reaper. May also be heard in the form rypar. ripī'ta, v., to repeat. ripoblikanar, m., republican. Ripoblikon Parti, Republican Party. riportar, m., reporter. riplaia, v., to reply. Rare. risęvoir, m., reservoir. risk, resk, m., risk. risīt, m., receipt. risīva, v., to receive. Rare.

ris'nebl, adj., reasonable.

risol'ta, v., to result. Rare. ritson, m., def., reach. ritmętik, m., arithmetic. rivolvar, m., revolver. rōb, m., robe. robba, v., to rub. robber, m., rubber (the material). robbers, m., rubber. rod, m., road. rödkart, m., road-cart. roff, adj., rough. roffol, roff'l, m., ruffle (on garment). roffin, m., roughian. ronna, v., to run. Used of a candidate running for office. ronna në (nī), v., to run down, defame. rỳvör, rỳvər, m., river. ruffbor, n., roof-board. rular, m., ruler, measuring stick. ræk, m., rack (tobacco-rack, hay-rack). ræpper, m., wrapper (the best grade of tobacco leaf. ræt'lsnēk, m., rattlesnake. rætla, v., to rattle, bring out of composure. Sabatē'r, sabatī'r, m., Sabbaterian. sad, m., sod. saida, v., to side, put siding on a house. saida me, v., to side with, take someone's part. saidin, f., siding. saidso, m., side show. saidvok, m., side walk. saiklon, m., cyclone. sain, n., sign. saina, v., to sign. sainar, m., signer. sakkęt, m., socket. salarī'des, m., saleratus. salon', m., saloon. saisa, v., to size. Used of the sizing of the tobacco leaves during assorting. sās, m., sauce. sāsdiss, m., sauce-dish. sek (on, m., section (of land). selebrēson, m., celebration.

senda au, v., to send off. selebrēta, v., to celebrate. sent, m., cent. sentortēbl, m., center table. sement, siment, m., cement. seporētar, m., söporaitar, söpraitar, m., separator. sessment, sessment, m., assessment. sessa, v., to assess. sessar, m., assessor. sets'l, m., satchel. settla, v., to settle (as an account). settla, v., to settle, locate. settlar, m., settler. settlame'nt, setlame'nt, n., settlement. settl'ment, n., settlement, adjustment. səvē'ar, m., surveyor. sēva, v., to save. sīd, n., seed. sīda, v., to seed. sīdar, m., seeder. sigga, sikka, v., to sick. sikjurati, m., security. sikk'l, sirkel, m., sickel. sikrętī'r, m., secretary. siga'r, sig'gar, m., cigar. sigga'rholdor, m., cigar holder. silin, f., ceiling. simbli, m., assembly. simblimann, m., assemblyman. sink, m., sink. sirop, m., sirup, table sirup. sistern, m., cistern. sit, m., seat. sittinrum, n., sitting room. skentlin, m., scantling. skēta, v., to skate. skēts, m., pl., skates. skīm, m., scheme. skīma, v., to scheme. skīmar, m., schemer. skimma, v., to skim (milk). skippa, v., to skip, escape, abscond. skonk, m., skunk. skonka, v., to "skunk" (one), shut one out in a game.

skonkahol, n., skunk-hole. skrēp, m., scrape, fix, predicament. skrēpa, v., to scrape. skrēpər, m., scraper (the implement). skrīn, skrīns, n., screen. In skrīns the i is only half long. skrūdraivar, m., screw-driver. skūlemamma, f., schoolma'm. skvær, m., square (the tool). skvær, adj., square, fair. skærdans, m., square dance. skværa seg, v., to have the marriage ceremony performed by the justice. slaida, v., to slide. slippa, v., to slip. slippers, m., slipper. slua, f., slough, marsh. smarrt, adj., smart, clever. smaugrön, n., smallgrain. snäp, m., snap, an easy thing. soda, m., soda. sodavatt'n, n., soda water. sofa, m., sofa. sopper, m., supper. sorgum, m., sorghum. sorta, v., to assort (tobacco). sosaięti, m., society, club. sosob'l, adj., sociable, pleasant. spaik, m., spike. spatt, m., spot. spatta, v., to spot. spatteto, adj., spotted. spīka, v., to "speak," deliver a declamation. spīkar, m., speaker. spīr, n., speer (fishing speer, tobacco speer). spīra, v., to speer, string tobacco plants on the lath. spit, m., speech. spīrękrakk, m., spearing-horse, in which the lath is held as the plants are being strung on. splaisa, v., to splice. splitta, v., to split. spoila, v., to spoil.

sponk, m., n., spunk. sponki, adj., spunky. spraisa, see sörpraisa. sporta, v., support. sprī, m., spree. sprin, m., spring. sprin, m., spring (well). sprinsīt, m., spring-seat. sprinkla, v., to sprinkle. sprinklar, m., sprinkler. stail, m., style. stailis, adj., stylish. stärt, m., start. stărta, v., to start. stoddin, f., m., studding. stemp, stæmp, m., stamp. stiffenin, f., stiffening. stīm, m., steam. stiffikēt, m., certificate. stīma, v., to steam. stikkendi, m., stick candy. Also stikk stīmar, m., steamer. stīmbaut, m., steam-boat. stodd, m., stud, studhorse. stīr, stēr, m., steer. stoppa jau, v., stop at the house of. stor, n., store. storkīpar, m., store keeper. stov, m., stove. stovi, stov vi, m., stove wood. stovpīpa, f., stove pipe. straik, m., strike. straika, v., to strike. strēt, adj., straight, but mostly only in the transferred sense of honest, proper in conduct. strippa, v., to string (tobacco). strippa, v., to strip (tobacco plants). strippohus, n., stripping house, for tobacco. strīt, m., street. strītkars, m., street car. stritkarkondoktar, m., street car conducstūp, m., stoop, porch.

stæb'l, m., stable. stæbla, v., to stable. stæljen, m., stallion. stænd, (stend), m., stand. sūt, m., suit (of clothes); (suit at law). sūta, v., to suit. svindla, v., to swindle. solki, m., sulky. sökra, v., to break the suckers off the tobacco plant. sylindər, m., cylinder. söpraitar. See sepərētar. sörkəlör, m., circular. sörkis, m., circus. sörkitkort, n., circuit court. sörprai's, m., surprise. sörprai'sa, spraisa, v., to surprisc. sörprais parti, spraisparti, n., surprise party. Sakk, m., shock (of grain). Santi, n, shanty. Sapp, n., shop.  $\int ed, m.$ , shed. Sēm, interg., shame! Sereff, m., sheriff. Sēva, v., to shave. Rare. sing'l, m., shingle.Sivərīa, v., to charivari (locally pronounced siveri. Soa of, v., to show off. Suggerken, m., sugar cane. Sūr, adv., surely. Sippa, v., to ship.  $\int xr$ , m., share. Sötta, v., to shut. Taipraitar, m., typewriter. tair, m., tire. tait, adj., tight. tait'l, m., title. tappa, v., to top (tobacco plants). taul, n., towel. taun, n., town, township. taunsipp, n., do. tavan, n., tavern, inn. tēb'l, m., table. The word is used only of the tables on which the tobacco

leaves are being assorted. The man from Hedemarken pronounced it tab'l. teks, m., tack. tēm, n., team. temperns, m., temperance. tenda, v., to tend, attend to. tenson, m., attention. tenson, m., tension. teref, tæref, m., tariff. test, m., test. testefaia, v., to testify. testimoni, m., n., testimony. tikkit, m., ticket. tikka, v., to tick (of the clock's ticking, not said otherwise). The Norwegian word tikka is not used in this way. timoti, m., timothy. tippa, v., to tip. tipsi, adj., tipsy, slightly intoxicated. tilegram, m., telegram. tilefon, m., telephone. tilegrafpǫlə, m., telegraph pole. tilefona, v., to telephone. tīsa, v., to tease. tītsa, v., to teach. tītsar, m., teacher. tobb, m., tub.

tobbakbaks, m., tobacco box. Only used of the large cases, holding 300 lbs., in which the tobacco is cased.

toff, adj., tough.

tong, f., tongue (of wagon).

togg, m., tug.

tomēto, m., tomato. The plural is tometas, and this may also now and then be heard as the singular form.

tost, m., toast, toasted bread. tosta, v., to toast (bread). traiel, m., trial (at court). travla, v., to travel. trēd, m., trade, business.

trēda, v., to trade.

tremp, (træmp), m., tramp.

trempa, v., to tramp.

trēn n., train, railway train.

trēna, v., to train.

trēnin, f., training. tre $\S a$ , v., to thresh. tre $\S a$ , m., treasurer.

tressina, f., threshing machine.

trikk, n., m., trick. trikki, adj., tricky.

trimma, v., to trim. trimmin, f., trimming.

tripp, m., trip, journey.

trippa, v., to trip, stumble.

trīt, m., treat. trīta, v., to treat. trītiņ, f., treating.

troks, f., truck.

trola, v., to troll (at fishing).

tronk, m., trunk. trubb'l, n., m., trouble. trubbla, v., to trouble.

trubblasam, adj., troublesome.

træp, m., trap.

tu bæd, adv., too bad. tūls, tŭls, n., tool.

tuna op, v., to tune up.

tænk, m., tank. tæks, m., tax.

törkis, m., turkey.

törm, m., term.

törnips, m., turnip.

törna, v., to turn.

törna ut, v., to turn out.

tötsa, tətss, v., to touch.

tsauder, m., chowder, soup of fish and vegetables.

tsekk, m., check.

t\subseteq and it is a change (money).

tsens, m., chance. tsess, m., chess.

tsors, m., chores.

tsinsbogg, m., chinchbug.

tsissl, m., chisel.

Utvau, prep., out of (a thing).

Væra uta au, be out of.

vair, m., wire.

vaitfisk, m., white-fish.

va'lntīr, m., volunteer.

valntī'ra, v., to volunteer.

va'rnis, m., varnish. va'rnissa, v., to varnish. vasketobb, m., washtub. vatsa, v., to watch. vell au, adj., well off. ventelēta, v., to ventilate (as the tobacco ventelētar, m., ventilator. vest, m., vest. vēta pao, v., to wait on. vīl, m., veal. vindmýlda, f., wind-mill. visit, m., visit. vi'sita, v., to visit. viski, m., whiskey. vot, n., vote. vota, v., to vote. votin, f., voting. vælju, m., value. Not used much. välv. m., valve. værhus, værus, n., warehouse. vörri, wörri, m., worry. vörria, wörria, v., worry. Æbstrekt, m., abstract of title. æda, v., to add. ædis'en, m., addition. ædvortai'sa, v., to advertise. ænti, f., aunt. Ordja, v., to urge. Not much used.

I shall add a few words about the pronunciation of proper names. The name "Utica" is always pronounced with the initial u as in English, hence Jutika. "Stoughton" is pronounced Stōt'n by people from Sogn, and usually also by settlers from other parts, except those from Telemarken who say Stōt'n. "Cambridge" is pronounced Kemris, "Edger-

ton" Edzert'n, but among old people from Sogn sometimes Aidzert'n. "Janesville" becomes Jensvil,8 "Beloit," Bloit, or Bilgit, "Whitewater," Vaitvotor, "Milwaukee," Milvoki, and "Chicago," Sikago. "Door Creek" is often pronounced Dorr Krikk, sometimes Dor Krikk, "Sun Prairie" becomes San Pradi, and the region itself came to be called, not "Kaskenan," as one might have expected, but Kaskeland, in which an unfamiliar ending is given an ending that is very common in Norwegian names of places and regions. Of other village and city names I shalladd that "Madison" is pronounced Madisn, "Manitowoc" either Mantovok or Mauntovok, "Saint Louis" is Sante Luis,9 as "Saint Paul" is Sante Pol (usually now Sent Pol), "Minneapolis" = Minniaplis, "Buffalo" = Buffalo (with three syllables), Rochester = Ratsistor, Philadelphia = Filadelfia, and "New York" always Nyark. As in Madisn a became a, so in the names of the states: Missigan, Indiana, Kansas, Nibraska, but among people from Numedal and Telemarken the vowel was just as often æ (or e). The following names of states may be noted: Viskons'n, Aiovai, Sy Dakota, Küllerado, Montana, Kalleforni, Vassint'n and Qrrgan. The city of "Seattle" was called Sett'l by some of the older people from Sogn, but by the others the name is spoken about as in English.

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